

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On May 9, 2001, President Bush nominated Miguel
3 A. Estrada to fill a vacancy on the United States Court of
4 Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada's credentials go uncontested
6 beginning with his mastery of the English language and
7 American culture upon his arrival to the United States as an
8 immigrant from Honduras; he graduated magna cum laude from
9 Columbia University and Harvard Law School; and

10 WHEREAS, Over a year-and-a-half has passed without a vote
11 on the Senate floor; and

12 WHEREAS, The Senate judiciary committee has issued a
13 favorable report to the United State Senate, yet because of
14 partisan policies Democrat Senators threaten to filibuster a
15 Senate Floor vote; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada has received support from liberal
17 and conservative colleagues alike who attest that he is one
18 of the most brilliant and effective appellate lawyers in the
19 country; and

20 WHEREAS, Organizations who support Mr. Estrada include
21 the League of United Latin American Citizens, the U.S.
22 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic National Bar
23 Association, the Hispanic Business Roundtable, and The Latino
24 Coalition; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Estrada would be the first Hispanic in the
26 country to sit on the U.S. Court of Appeals District of
27 Columbia Circuit - an important and prestigious position
28 within the nation's Court of Appeals; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
30 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United

1 States Senators and the United State Congress to work to
2 allow a vote on the appointment of Miguel Estrada to the U.S.
3 Court of Appeals District of Columbia Circuit; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to
6 U.S. Senator Richard Durbin, U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald,
7 the other members to the Illinois congressional delegation,
8 and the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Senator Bill Frist.